

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/035,603

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to AMENDMENT filed 9/29/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-42, 45-58 and 60-70.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



**GUY LAMARRE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

This is a Notice of Allowance in response to Amendment filed 9/29/2005.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sidney Johnston, attorney for Applicant, on November 16, 2005.

The Specification has been amended as follows:

In the paragraph, CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, the co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent application has been updated to "Ser. No. 10/035,607".

The CLAIMS have been amended as follows:

Claim 17, on line 1, "Claim 10" was changed to --Claim 11--.

Claim 18, on line 1, "Claim 10" was changed to --Claim 11--.

Claim 46, on line 1, "The method of claim 45" was changed to --The storage array of claim 45--.

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Claim 47, on line 1, "The method of claim 45" was changed to –The storage array of claim 45--.

Claim 66, on line 1, "claim 60", was changed to –claim 65--.

Claim 67, on line 1, "claim 60", was changed to –claim 65--.

Claim 68, on line 1, "claim 60", was changed to –claim 65--.

Claim 69, on line 1, "claim 60", was changed to –claim 65--.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-42, 45-58 and 60-70 are allowed. Renumbered as claims 1-67.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES C. KERVEROS whose telephone number is (571) 272-3824. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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